Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: Applications from the caste Hindus were numerically greater than applications from others.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know the total number of caste Hindus in the whole State?

President: Census Report.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know from the member how many approximately assembled on the day of the recruitment?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: Between 600 and 700.

Enquiry re the Pattanamtitta incident.

72. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether both the District Magistrate and the Police Commissioner are making enquiries under the orders of Government about the incidents alleged to have been prepetrated in the Police Station at Pattanamtitta?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: The District Magistrate, Quilon, and the Commissioner of Police have completed their enquiries and sent up their reports which are under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether the reports agree with the main finding?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: Each officer does not know what the finding of the other officer is.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether they disagree?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: That too it is not possible to say now.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know what action has been taken on the report?

President: The answer is there that they are under the consideration of Government.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the officers who made the enquiry propose any steps to be taken against the newspapers that published false reports?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: The whole thing is under consideration.

Volunteers entertained in the Medical Department in connection with the present outbreak of malaria and cholera.

73. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese:** Will the Government be pleased to state the caste-war list of medical men and compounders taken as volunteers, from those who have not acted in the Government service, in connection with the recent outbreak of malaria and cholera in South Travancore?

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